

Restoring Your Maiden or Former Name

(After Entry of Judgment)

Step 1	<p>Complete the following forms in blue or black ink:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FL-395 Ex Parte Application of Restoration of Former Name After Entry of Judgment and Order</p>
Step 2	<p>Copies: Make 2 copies, in addition to the original. You can also pay extra to buy “certified” copies.</p>
<p>Step 3</p> <p>There is a filing fee unless the fee is waived.</p>	<p>Judge’s signature: Take the original and copies of FL-395 and a copy of your divorce judgment to the Court Specialist Office at:</p> <p>File in the courthouse located at:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 170 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 99 Notre Dame Ave., San Jose, CA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 605 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 301 Diana Ave., Morgan Hill, CA</p> <p>Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm.</p>
Step 4	<p>File:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If you <u>are not</u> asking for a fee waiver, turn your forms into the Clerk’s Office. You will pay the filing fee and get copies back with a file-stamp.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If you <u>are</u> asking for a fee waiver, turn your forms into the Document Examiner. Your file-stamped copies may be returned immediately, OR you may be asked to return in up to 24 hours, OR your file stamped forms may be mailed to you. Please check with the clerk who takes your forms.</p> <p>If you are asking for a fee waiver, file in the Courthouse where your divorce case file is located (look at the Court address on your forms).</p>

Please turn over for important information



WHEN TO USE THIS FORM

- Your divorce is already FINAL (you already have a divorce judgment filed with the court in Santa Clara County).
- You did not already ask the court to change your name back to your maiden name or a former name in your divorce judgment.
- You now want to change your name back to for maiden name or former name.
- NOTE: You cannot use this form to change your name to any other name. If you want to do that you can go through the name change process in Probate Court. You can get name change forms at the Probate Clerk's office at 191 N. First St. or at the Self-Help Center at 00 Notre Dame Avenue, both in San Jose, CA or on the internet at the websites below.

HOW CAN I GET THE FORMS?

There are a few ways that you can get the forms:

- hire an attorney;
- contact a Legal Services Agency such as Legal Aid or Pro Bono Project
- get the forms online at the state's website, (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp);
- use a self-help legal book or
- visit the Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office in person, Monday through Thursday, starting at 8:30 am. Please go to www.scscourt.org (and click on the self-help section of the site) for details on how to sign up for help at our office. **Please note: we cannot help people who have attorneys.**

Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator's Office
Superior Court, County of Santa Clara
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